

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198901537**

Beechcraft 95-B55

20 February 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198901537 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Lakes Entrance West VIC
Date: 20 February 1989 **Time:** 1520
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Details: Beechcraft 95-B55
Registration: VH-MYM
Serial Number: TC-1777
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Bairnsdale VIC
Departure Time: 1510
Destination: Lakes Entrance West VIC

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Circumstances:

The pilot made a normal approach for a landing uphill with 10 to 15 knots of wind from the left rear. As the aircraft crossed a gully on short final it encountered a strong wind gust. The starboard wing dropped and the aircraft descended rapidly. It touched down heavily just short of the threshold. The pilot applied full power, executed a go-around and returned to Bairnsdale. Immediately after the flight the pilot noticed that the blade tips of both propellers had been bent aft. At a later date, less obvious distortion of the fuselage and the right wing was detected. It is highly probable that the aircraft encountered a strong windshear on short final.

Significant Factors:

The following factor was considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The aircraft encountered windshear on approach to land.